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25X1 1. [] JMM) On Saturday, 24 March, the Director called Senators Stuart Symington and Henry M. Jackson, of our Armed Services Subcommittee, and Chairmen Hebert, House Armed Services Committee, and Lucien Nedzi, Intelligence Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee, to alert them to our legislative requirement for an increased retirement ceiling under CIARDS.

25X1 2. [] JMM) Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, called regarding the Director's calls Saturday to Chairmen Hebert and Nedzi alerting them to our retirement ceiling problem. Slatinshek said we should understand that Hebert, while he would like to be helpful, was not up-to-date on the details of our problem and we therefore shouldn't assume that we had a firm commitment from him. However, he said that if Hebert was convinced our legislation was justified, we probably wouldn't have any trouble.

Slatinshek said Nedzi was apparently "amazed" at the call on Saturday because he was always available during the week and he couldn't understand the urgency. I said the urgency was due to the fact that the combination of voluntary and involuntary retirements was moving at a faster pace than we at first anticipated and that only by Saturday had we been able to come up with a firm figure for a new ceiling. Slatinshek said Nedzi was also puzzled as to why the problem shouldn't be presented to the full Subcommittee. I said I was sure the Director would welcome a chance to discuss it with the full Subcommittee, but thought perhaps a preliminary informal meeting with the Chairman might be useful. I went on to point out that our main concern was to ensure that those employees who were being designated surplus to our requirements not be denied their fair and legal retirement benefits because of an arbitrary legislative ceiling. Slatinshek suggested we call Nedzi to arrange a meeting, possibly this afternoon.

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